

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Mark Noland, on March 8, 2017 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mark Noland, Chair (R)
Rep. Amanda Curtis, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Karen Armstrong, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 72, 2/23/2017; SB 128, 2/23/2017; SB 165, 2/23/2017
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 72**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:59 Sen. Pat Connell (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 72, Create presumptive illness for firefighters.

00:06:36 Rep. Curdy joined the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

00:21:33 Leonard Lundby, Montana State Volunteer Fire Fighters Association
00:23:17 Rich Cowger, Montana State Fire Chiefs Association (MSFCA), Columbus Volunteer Fire Department
00:25:54 Dr. Virginia Weaver, International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF)
00:38:17 Jeffrey Miller, Butte Silverbow Fire Department
00:38:58 Nathan Curtis, Sun Prairie Volunteer Fire Department
00:39:19 Carl Clary, Sun Prairie Volunteer Fire Department
00:39:43 Derek Harvey, Butte Silverbow Fire Department

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Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:48:47 Laura Williamson, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
00:49:32 Eric Strauss, Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:50:03 Rep. Ricci
00:50:34 Rick Cowger, MSFCA, Columbus Volunteer Fire Department
00:51:12 Rep. Ricci
00:52:38 Sen. Connell
00:53:13 Rep. Ricci
00:53:22 Leonard Lundby, Montana State Volunteer Fire Fighters Association
00:54:12 Rep. Ricci
00:54:47 Leonard Lundby, Montana State Volunteer Fire Fighters Association
00:56:20 Rep. Loge
00:56:49 Sen. Connell
00:57:01 Leonard Lundby, Montana State Volunteer Fire Fighters Association
00:57:29 Rep. Loge
00:57:44 Leonard Lundby, Montana State Volunteer Fire Fighters Association
00:59:03 Rep. Fitzgerald
01:00:20 Sen. Connell
01:02:27 Eric Strauss, DLI
01:03:05 Rep. Fitzgerald
01:03:42 Eric Strauss, DLI
01:04:04 Rep. Curtis
01:07:16 Laura Williamson, DPHHS
01:07:43 Rep. Curtis
01:08:14 Derek Harvey, Butte Silverbow Fire Department
01:09:16 Rep. Vinton

01:09:53 Dr. Weaver, IAFF,
 01:11:23 Rep. Gunderson
 01:11:38 Dr. Weaver, IAFF,
 01:12:16 Rep. Gunderson
 01:13:01 Dr. Weaver, IAFF,
 01:13:48 Rep. Gunderson
 01:13:55 Dr. Weaver, IAFF,
 01:14:39 Rep. Curdy
 01:15:25 Nathan Curtis, Sun Prairie Volunteer Fire Department
 01:15:45 Rep. Curdy
 01:16:16 Derek Harvey, Butte Silverbow Fire Department
 01:16:53 Rep. Curdy
 01:17:51 Sen. Connell
 01:19:27 Chair Noland
 01:21:40 Sen. Connell

Closing by Sponsor:

01:23:22 Sen. Connell

HEARING ON SB 128

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:28:36 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 128, Revise pari-mutuel fantasy sports takeout rate and distribution laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:29:53 Tom Tucker, Montana Board of Horse Racing
 01:35:16 John Hayes, Montana Board of Horse Racing
 01:36:10 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association, Gambling Industry Association (GIA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:36:57 Angela Wong, Montana Lottery

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:38:16 Sen. Salomon

HEARING ON SB 165

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:39:59 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 165, Revise consumer loan act to exempt certain licensees.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:40:55 Melanie Hall, Montana Division of Banking, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

01:42:42 Kathy Bramer, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:44:45 Sen. Salomon

01:45:24 Chair Noland

ADJOURNMENT

01:45:13 Adjournment:

Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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